

Atty. Docket No. DE9-1999-0085US1
(590.027)

REMARKS

Applicant and the undersigned are most grateful for the time and effort accorded the instant application by the Examiner. In the Office Action dated February 10, 2005, pending Claims 1-8 were rejected and the rejection made final; Claims 9 and 10 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but indicated as allowable if re-written; and Claims 11-13 were allowed.

In response Applicant has filed an Amendment After Final. Claims 1-8 have been cancelled. Claim 9 has been amended so that it is now an independent claim and recites all of the claim limitations of the base claims from which it previously depended, thus, overcoming Examiner's objection and placing the Claim in condition for allowance. Claim 10 is dependent upon Claim 9 and, therefore, overcomes the objection thereto and, also, stands in allowable form. It should be noted, however, that no change in the scope of the claims is intended by the amendments made herein; furthermore, the cancellation of claims and the amendments made are merely done to expedite prosecution and are not an acquiescence of the Office's position on the allowability of the claims.

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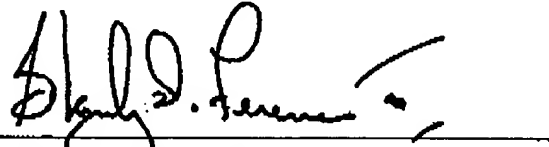
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It is respectfully submitted that the instant application, including Claims 9-13, is now in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is hereby earnestly solicited. Applicant's undersigned attorney would welcome further discussion with the Office in the event there are any further issues with this application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stanley D. Ference III", is written over a horizontal line.

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